Mr. H. Krishnamurthyachar.—

Then, on what basis is water rate levied?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

On the basis that water can be taken by the raiyats whenever available.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

In the case of inadequate supply of water owing to the breaching of a tank, will remission be given?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

Half remission has been allowed in such cases, under the rules.

MR. H. KRISHNAMURTHYACHAR (Mulbagal Taluk).—

Q.—16. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) What was the object of introducing Record of Rights in the State?

(*b*) For how many years has it been in force?

(*c*) In which taluks has it been in force?

(*d*) What establishment has been maintained for this scheme and at what cost?

(*e*) What is the total expenditure on the scheme since its introduction?

(*f*) What is the demand and collection under record of rights fees in each taluk?

(*g*) Whether it is a source of profit or loss to Government?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A.—16. (*a*) The record is intended to check litigation in regard to land and to facilitate its disposal by courts, to reduce unnecessary expenditure by raiyats in executing and registering documents and to protect them against fraud and fabrication of false claims. It will also be of assistance to Government as well as the raiyats in the distribution of assessment among the various *hissedars*, the grant of takavi and land improvement loans and the grant of suspension and remission of land revenue.

(*b*) For six years.

(*c*) *Vide* statement attached (Appendix).

(*d*) Attention is invited to Appendix M of the Budget Estimates for details of staff to be entertained during the current year.

(*e*) Rs. 8,77,692.

(*f*) *Vide* statement attached (Appendix).

(*g*) It is neither a source of profit nor loss to Government.

NOTE.—If the fees realised in any year exceed the outlay during that year, the surplus represents outlay to be incurred in future and it has, therefore, been ordered by Government in their Order No. Fl. 2167-8—G. F. 73-32-3, dated 21st October 1932, that the surplus amount should be funded for being utilised for expenditure connected with this scheme during subsequent years, instead of treating it as ordinary revenue of Government.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. H. Krishnamurthyachar.—

If you collect by way of fee much more than the outlay on the scheme, does not the excess represent the profit derived by Government?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

No. The collections are funded for subsequent expenditure connected with the scheme. They are not treated as ordinary revenue of Government.

Mr. H. Krishnamurthyachar.—

Why not collect only as much as is required for expenditure on the scheme? Why collect more and fund it separately?

First Member of Council.—

There is no idea of making any profit. If collections continue to be made, it is because final notifications have been issued in respect of 8 taluks only and there is much work to be done in other taluks.

Mr. H. Krishnamurthyachar.—

What is the work that is pending?

First Member of Council.—

The stage of pendency varies with each taluk.

Mr. H. Krishnamurthyachar.—

Will at least the rate be reduced?

First Member of Council.—

It has already been reduced from Rs. 2 to Rs. 1-12-0.

Mr. H. Krishnamurthyachar.—

When the scheme is completed, if there is any surplus of receipts over expenditure, will it be refunded to the concerned persons?

First Member of Council.—

It is a hypothetical question. But, perhaps no money will be left over when the scheme is completed, because there is much work remaining to be done. Survey records have to be radically changed and that requires the maintenance of a big establishment.

Mr. K. V. Veeranna.—

Is it not possible to reduce the fee to Rs. 1-8-0?

First Member of Council.—

If it is possible, we shall do it.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

How long will it take to introduce the scheme to the other taluks?

First Member of Council.—

Not possible to say. But, as far as possible, we will hurry it up.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Iyengar.—

Last time the Government were pleased to promise that they would reduce the *patta* transfer charges; may I know how that matter has been disposed of?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

It is under consideration.

Mr. G. Girimaji Rao.—

At the time of measuring the lands in connection with the introduction of Record of Rights, are *bandhs* and *sistus*

put up by the *hissedars* themselves or by the revenue officials?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

By the *hissedars*.

Mr. G. Girimaji Rao.—

Has it come to the notice of Government that lands have been measured without any notice to the parties concerned?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

No. If such a thing has been done, it is a mistake.

Mr. G. Girimaji Rao.—

If such things have been done and they are brought to your notice, will suitable action be taken?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

Certainly.

Mr. K. Ramiah Setty.—

Does Rs. 1-12-0 represent the cost of measurement only or does it include the cost of putting up *bandh* stones also?

First Member of Council.—

It does not include the cost of stones.

Mr. Subbanna Naik.—

If entries regarding ownership of a land are for any reason wrongly made and the owner wants to get them corrected, why should application on a 12 anna stamp paper be insisted upon by the revenue officers?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

Not necessary.

Mr. Subbanna Naik.—

But they have insisted on it and we have had to apply only on 12 annas stamp paper. Will the Government be pleased to order that in all such cases the amount should be refunded?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

We will enquire into such cases.

Mr. Subbanna Naik.—

We pay heavy charges and get our lands phoded. And if the phoding is subsequently proved to be incorrect, why should we bear the charges?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

You need not pay. We will bear the charge. And we will also take action in regard to intentional wrong phoding.

Mr. Subbanna Naik.—

In Koppa Taluk, time has been given for filing *takrars* till the end of December 1933. Will the Government be pleased to give some more time?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

We cannot say anything off-hand.

Mr. T. Mariappa.—

If a person owns more than one *hisse* in one and the same survey number, will the Government be pleased hereafter to levy Rs. 1-12-0 for the first *hisse* and eight annas for subsequent ones instead of levying Rs. 1-12-0 on each of the *hisses*?

Secretary to Government, Development Department.—

There is provision to that effect already.

Mr. T. Mariappa.—

In view of the fact that uniform effect is not given to it at present, because the discretion may vary with each Deputy Commissioner, will the Government issue general orders in the matter?

First Member of Council.—

We shall issue a general order on the subject of the maximum to be levied from any one party.

MR. B. NARANAPPA (Sidlaghatta Taluk).—

Q.—17. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether the abolition of railway cess from 1933-34 in the Kolar District was promised as a result of frequent representations made in this behalf?